

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

Relating to the Poultry Industry Committee.

WHEREAS, the poultry industry is a vital, profitable, and important industry in this state; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly wishes to maintain and enhance the positive economic impacts while making every attempt to eliminate negative aspects of the industry; and

WHEREAS, the poultry industry produces waste products which have significantly impacted the environment of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Poultry Industry Committee was created in 2002 to study the economic and environmental impact of the poultry industry in this state, especially the impacts this industry has on sensitive environmental areas; and

WHEREAS, while the Poultry Industry Committee has officially completed its duties, there is still work to be accomplished:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby reauthorize the "Poultry Industry Committee" to continue its review and evaluation of both the economic impact of the poultry industry, waste disposal issues, and environmental impacts of this industry, and as well as making recommendations on further action or legislative remedies, if any, to be taken as necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such Committee shall be composed of twenty-seven members, one member to be a member of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate, one member to be a member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, two county commissioners or their designees, a representative from the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI), a representative of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a representative of the Department of Natural Resources, a representative of the United States Department of Agriculture, a representative of the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), a representative of the university extension system, a representative of the poultry federation, a representative of the Missouri Farmer's Association, a representative of the Farm Bureau, a representative of the Department of Conservation, a representative of the University of Missouri Department of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, a representative of the Missouri State University Department of Agriculture, a representative of the University of Missouri Commercial Agriculture Program, a member appointed by the Resource Conservation & Development Council, a representative of the Department of Economic Development, a representative of the Department of Agriculture, a representative of the Clean Water Commission, two active poultry farmers, two poultry industry contractors or processors, a person active in the processing/value-added portion of poultry waste, and one person from Missouri Farm Credit Services. Each member of the Committee shall serve until December 31, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee may conduct its business by various means but shall meet no less than twice each year as a full Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all state agencies shall cooperate with the Committee in carrying out its duties, including allowing access to closed records, provided that the Committee shall not disclose any identifying information contained in such records closed pursuant to statute or general order and any such information in the custody of the Committee shall not be discoverable to the same extent as when in the custody of the parent agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members shall serve without compensation and the Office of Administration shall provide funding, administrative support, and staff for the effective operation of the Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall continue to study problems and solutions, collect information and provide recommendations in a report to the General Assembly before December 31, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Poultry Industry Committee shall terminate December 31, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

Read 1st time.

